

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine comprising:  
variable display device for variably displaying designs;  
a transparent liquid crystal display panel disposed in front of said variable display device through which the variable display device is able to be seen;  
a liquid crystal holder in a form of a rectangular frame member for holding only a periphery of said liquid crystal display panel in a pressing manner;  
a light guiding plate for guiding light emitted from a light source to the rear side of said liquid crystal display panel, the light source disposed outside yet adjacent to a guiding plate periphery of said light guiding plate;  
diffusion sheet for diffusing the light guided by the light guiding plate to equalize the light which illuminates said liquid crystal display panel, said diffusion sheet disposed between said light guiding plate and said liquid crystal holder;  
a frame attached in front of the machine for supporting and surrounding said liquid crystal holder, said light guiding plate and said diffusion sheet such that the front of a display unit of the liquid crystal display panel has an opening;  
a transparent plate disposed in front of the frame for closing the opening; and  
a rear holder for holding, said liquid crystal holder, said light guiding plate and said diffusion sheet supported by said frame on said frame from behind, and for reflecting the light emitted on said light guiding plate to the side of said liquid crystal display panel, the rear holder having one or more windows allowing the designs variably displayed in said variable display device to be observed and being facially opposed to said light guiding plate.
2. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein said variable display device is one or more rotatable reels each having a reel band thereon, on which said designs are drawn.
3. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claims 1 or 2, characterized in that said gaming machine is a slot machine.

4. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 1,  
wherein said light guided by said light guiding plate passes through said diffusion sheet.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)